

REMARKS

Claims 9, 15, and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended substantially to include the content of cancelled claim 9. Claim 13 has been amended to substantially include the content of cancelled claims 15 and 17. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to describe the head/neck pillow positioned on or attached onto both the front surface and on the back surface of the base. This design is shown in Figs. 4 and 5 of the application, and is supported by original claim 9 and in the specification at 0016-0017. The head/neck pillow is attached onto both of the front and back surfaces. It is fixed in place and is not moveable. Claim 13 has been similarly amended and further describes the head/neck pillow at the peak.

In contrast, Edelson discloses only an apparatus having a pillow 30 attached at the top edge of the end panel 22 of the upper body cushion 21 by a hinged flap 31. Col. 3, lines 55-57. As shown in Fig. 1 of Edelson, the pillow 30 can be moved from the down position shown in solid lines into the up position shown in dotted lines. However, since the downhill edge of the pillow 30 is free (i.e., not attached to the front surface of the wedge, as now claimed), the pillow 30 is less securely attached to the wedge and more prone to inadvertent movement during use.

Bowman and the other prior art also do not disclose a support having a wedge-shaped base having a front surface and a back surface, and head/neck pillow on the base attached onto both the front surface and on the back surface of the wedge-shaped base. Morrell et al. shows a fourth cushion 40 in Figs. 9 and 10

having parallel lateral sides 50 (Col. 3, lines 48-57). However, the fourth cushion 40 is placed onto a third cushion 30 and not on a base, as claimed. Perhaps more importantly, none of the cushions in Morrell et al. are attached to anything. They are all "free." Col. 2, lines 40-47; col. 30, lines 17-20. In Morrell et al., the cushions are similar in construction to "bean bag" chairs (Col. 4, line 47) and they are positioned as desired, as separate unattached elements. Consequently, since none of the prior art show a head/neck pillow on the base attached onto both the front surface and on the back surface of the wedge-shaped base, the claims cannot be obvious over the combination of Bowman, Edelson and Morrell et al.

Dependent claims 2-7, 10-12 and 14 are patentable at least for the reasons given above.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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